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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM SENT ACTION NEW DELHI INFO CALCUTTA, MADRAS
FROM BOMBAY 12 SEPT '73 REPEATED TO YOU:

QUOTE

BOMBAY 1794

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1. MIDDLE AND LOWER LEVEL DOCTORS MAHARASHTRA GOVERNMENT
HOSPITALS WENT BACK TO WORK TODAY FOLLOWING SEPTEMBER 11
AGREEMENT WITH GOM TERMINATING STRIKE. ACCORDING TO PRESS,
PRIME MINISTER PROVIDED IMPETUS FOR CLOSING REMAINING GAP
SEPARATING TWO SIDES (REF B) DURING SEPTEMBER 10 BOMBAY
AIRPORT STOPOVER EN ROUTE NEW DELHI FROM ALGIERS CONFERENCE.
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PM MET WITH GOM CHIEF MIN NAIK, HEALTH MIN ZAKARIA,

REPRESENTATIVES OF STRIKING MAHARASHTRA ASSOCIATION OF
RESIDENT DOCTORS (MARD) AND INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (IMA)
DURING STOPOVER. FOLLOWING HER DEPARTURE, IMA CALLED OFF
NATIONWIDE STRIKE SCHEDULED BEGIN SEPTEMBER 11 AND CM NAIK
PERSONALLY JOINED NEGOTIATIONS WHICH FINALLY PRODUCED
AGREEMENT.

2. FOLLOWING WRAP-UP OF NEGOTIATIONS, NAIK INFORMED PRESS
THAT DETAILS OF AGREEMENT REGARDING PAY SCALES AND IMPROVEMENT
LIVING CONDITIONS WOULD BE ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING SEPTEMBER 19
CABINET CONSULTATIONS. BOTH SIDES HAVE AGREED TO WITHDRAW
ALL COURT CASES AGAINST EACH OTHER. GOM WILL RESTORE LIVING
QUARTERS TO STRIKING RESIDENT DOCTORS.

3. COMMENT: PM'S INTERVENTION BROKE NEGOTIATION IMPASSE
SURROUNDING 26-DAY OLD STRIKE AND NARROWLY AVERTED IMA
STRIKE WHICH COULD HAVE SERIOUSLY CURTAILED MEDICAL SERVICES
NATIONWIDE. UNANNOUNCED AGREEMENT TERMS, DEALING WITH
DOCTOR'S PAY AND LIVING CONDITON GRIEVANCES WHICH LED TO
STRIKE, PROBABLY HOUSED IN COMPROMISE MORE FAVORABLE TO
STRIKING DOCTORS THAN GOM.

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